



ABSTRACT

A hand held fly swatter apparatus is provided which is capable of being configured to capture insects alive from given surfaces to allow their subsequent disposal. The apparatus includes a flexible handle having a transparent rigid housing attached to a front end thereof. The housing defines an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect trap compartment. The housing provides a pair of parallel channels which extend along opposite sides of the compartment aperture and are arranged to support a front end portion of a mesh closure member. The mesh closure member is slidable between a retracted position to permit access to the insect trap compartment, and an extended position wherein the mesh closure member covers the compartment aperture. A rear slide clamp attached to a rear end portion of the mesh closure member supports the closure member relative to the handle. Bumpers are provided to limit movement of the mesh closure member between the defined retracted and extended positions. The housing and the mesh closure member, in its extended position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter.